

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the previously presented claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (canceled without prejudice)

8. (currently amended) An entry door security brace for impeding forced entry into a room through a door, said door having a lockset with a pair of knobs on opposite side surfaces of the doors, the knobs being operatively coupled to a shaft, said brace comprising:

a) a plurality of pole members wherein said pole members include an upper end, and a lower end with a foot member secured to the lower ends of each of said plurality of pole members;

b) a single block member ~~secured to the upper ends of said plurality of pole members, wherein~~ said block member ~~is being~~ a solid piece of material in the form of a generally flat-sided parallelepiped having a top planar surface with a yoke extending upward from the top planar surface ~~and a bottom surface having a plurality of circular apertures cut into said bottom surface whereby the pole members are secured to the block members when the upper ends of the pole members pass through the circular aperture and are held in place by a locking member~~, said yoke receiving said shaft therein; and

c) a cylindrical stem extending upwardly from the top surface of said block member, said cylindrical stem fitting into an opening in the bottom of the yoke.

9. (previously presented) The security brace in claim 8 wherein the plurality of pole members each comprise first and second tubular telescoping segments and means for locking said segments relative to one another at a predetermined composite length.

10. (canceled without prejudice)

11. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 8 wherein said foot member includes a non-skid floor engaging surface.

12. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 11 wherein said non-skid surface is an elastomeric pad.

13. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 11 wherein said non-skid surface includes a plurality of dominantly projecting corrugations.

14. (currently amended) An entry door security brace for impeding forced entry into a room through a door, said door having a lockset with a pair of knobs on opposite side surfaces of the doors, the knobs being operatively coupled to a shaft, said brace comprising:

- a) a plurality of pole members wherein said pole members include an upper end, and lower end with a foot member secured to the lower end of said pole member;
- b) a single block member secured to the upper ends of said plurality of pole members, wherein said block member is a solid piece of material in the form of a generally flat-sided parallelepiped having a top planar surface with a yoke member extending upward from the top planar surface, said yoke member adapted to receive said shaft, wherein said yoke member includes a yoke base and a head member, the head member sloping at a predetermined angle to a longitudinal axis of the yoke base and a bottom surface having a plurality of circular apertures cut into the block member wherein the pole members are inserted into the circular slots and held in the block member by a locking member; and
- c) a cylindrical stem extending upwardly from the top surface of the base member for fitting into an opening in a bottom of the yoke.

15. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 14 wherein the plurality of pole members each comprise first and second tubular telescoping segments and means for locking said segments relative to one another at a predetermined composite length.

16. (canceled without prejudice)

17. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 14 wherein said foot member includes a non-skid floor engaging surface.

18. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 17 wherein said non-skid surface is an elastomeric pad.

19. (previously presented) The security brace as in claim 17 wherein said non-skid surface includes a plurality of dominantly projecting corrugations.

20. (new) The security brace as in claim 8 wherein the circular apertures are non-intersecting circular apertures.

21. (new) The security brace as in claim 8 wherein the locking member includes a ball detent disposed proximate the upper end of each pole member and a front surface aperture is cut into a front surface of the block member, wherein when the ball detent passes through the front surface aperture, the pole member is locked into the block member.

22. (new) The security brace as in claim 14 wherein the circular apertures are non-intersecting circular apertures.

23. (new) The security brace as in claim 14 wherein the locking member includes a ball detent disposed proximate the upper end of each pole member and a front surface aperture is cut into a front surface of the block member, wherein when the ball detent passes through the front surface aperture, the pole member is locked into the block member.